CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMP PLAN 2016 - DRAFT

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RE: COMP PLAN DRAFT 2016 –HOUSING ELEMENT PRELIMINARY PROPOSED TRACKING EDITED COPY AS PREPARED BY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND HAATF

Dear Mayor Boudreau, Councilmembers Fiedler, Lindquist, Regan, Molenaar, Hulst, Quam, Hudson, Director Hyde and Ms. Lowell:

This tracked edited document is the result of the CAC being charged with the challenge to "present some solutions" to assists in the lack of affordable and available housing in Mount Vernon, by the City Council.

As you are aware last week the CAC met with the Housing Affordable /Available Task Force (HAATF) along with Bob Hyde who resides on the committee. The Housing Element of the Comp Plan Draft was discussed in depth in regards to are-

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areas that we felt met the goal of the Comp Plan and also in regards to concerns that the Draft presented. As a result of this productive meeting and tremendous input by all, these comments were gathered and then worked back through the Comp Plan Draft in a tracking edit format.

Tuesday, the CAC along with members of HAAFT met again and reviewed the Comp Plan Draft in its entirety with these tracking edited comments. A few more comments were addressed and added to the Comp Plan DRAFT.

Attached is the most current edited DRAFT as put forth for review by the Citizens Advisory Committee. Many of the CAC (approximately 70%) have worked on this but we want every member of the committee to have an opportunity to review the document in its current stage. Therefore this document is now in the hands of all on the CAC committee.

Our next Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 27th . A goal could be to have this Draft complete or near completion in regards to input from the CAC and ready to present to you the Mount Vernon City Council. In the meantime the CAC and the Planning Commission have received invitations from Bob Hyde to meet in small groups the 6/16, 6/17 or 6/23 to provide input on the Comp Plan.

We are very fortunate to have individuals with such a great bank of applicable knowledge in different aspects of housing.

The commitment from so many to share their time in order to address such an important topic, has been not only heartwarming but greatly demonstrates the dedication to our community.

Thank you, each and every one for caring deeply and putting forth the energy to do what is best for our community.

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